

Caledonia Department

One of the most successful sessions in the history of the Caledonia high school was brought to a close on last Friday and Friday night. It was a brilliant affair. At an early hour Friday morning the crowd began to assemble at the school building. The morning was spent in ball games, the Montevillo team playing Salem, the score resulting in seven to five in favor of the former. At noon dinner was announced, and it is needless to say that it was enjoyed by one and all. At two o'clock the house was called to order by Prof. J. D. Thixton, and music was rendered by Prof. Taylor, followed by a very eloquent and appropriate speech by Rev. C. M. Zwingle, of Columbus, who is a distinguished young minister, a ripe scholar, a profound thinker, and a forceful speaker. He is a man in every way qualified to deliver an address at the close of a school. Bro. Zwingle impressed on his hearers the fact that the people lived their finest and best every day were the people who counted for something in this world. He took occasion to remind them of the great possibilities of this State and the great strides she was making educationally and at last receive a crown and a home beyond the river. Music was then rendered by Prof. Taylor, after which the large crowd assembled at the ball grounds to witness the contest between Hamilton and Salem baseball teams. It was a close and very interesting contest, ending in a score of fourteen to thirteen in favor of Salem. The audience that gathered Friday night to witness the entertainment filled every available seat, and the attractive program arranged for the occasion was carried out in a manner that reflected the utmost credit on all who took part in it.

At night an audience of one thousand people assembled to witness the closing exercises. After the opening prayer by Rev. J. D. Thixton, Miss Alice Stanley, Fred Darnell and Ozzie Lawrence presented a laughable pantomime and monologue entitled, "The Dumb Twins." Then for two hours the audience enjoyed a rare treat in the five act play, "The Glug Family," by Mrs. Lena Ussery and thirty pupils. This is a school play, showing in very life-like colors the trials of the average teacher, and the trouble and annoyance that one thick skinned, thick headed family may cause. Some of the scenes were so ridiculous as to keep the audience roaring with laughter, but through it all there was a valuable lesson very forcibly impressed. Each one did his part well-nigh perfectly. The remarkable part of it was that the pupils had been at work on it only two weeks and had rehearsed only once. As a part of the play seven young ladies contested for the Lawrence medal, offered each year by Maj. O. M. Lawrence of Columbus. The judges, Miss Florence Molloy of the I. I. and C. faculty, Mrs. Wood of Columbus, and Miss Cornelia Molloy of the Meridian high school faculty, awarded the Lawrence medal to Miss Lula Stanley, who rendered "A Lecture by One of the Sex." And Prof. Thixton's medal for second place was awarded to Miss Emma Thixton, who told the story of "Robert Gallahue Todd." There were three others whose delivery was almost perfect—Ruby Egger, "Rock of Ages"; Annie Ussery, "Griggsby's Station," and Miss Mattie Stanley, "Marguerite." The winner of the Lawrence medal had never recited before in public.

The decision of the judges meets with hearty approval, as it was necessarily difficult on account of the close-

ness of the contest. The medal was presented by Mr. Lee Myers, who won it last year, assisted by Rev. C. M. Zwingle. Miss Stanley will present it next year.

An amusing number following the contest was an impersonation of Joab Johnson, Esquire, of Punkin Center, by Mr. Roy Egger. Roy has in him the making of a first-class comedian. Rewards for good work were given to Misses Annie Ussery, Mary West, Emma Thixton, and Ruby Egger.

Miss Bertie Stanley impersonated Josiah Allen's wife in a natural and interesting manner.

Miss Margie Simmons told of her "Experience With a Refractory Cow" in an admirable manner. The improvement made by Miss Simmons shows that she possesses eloquentary talent.

Miss Maggie Ussery played her part like an experienced actress.

Chas. Edgewood, Sam Myers, Atwell Egger, Len Egger and Clarence Verner deserve special mention.

Mrs. Ussery was perfectly at home in the teacher's chair.

Three medals will be offered in this contest next year.

The closing exercises were of a high order and a credit to the school. Caledonia has a high school of which to be proud. The school has improved wonderfully during the last session of eight months. Some of the improvements we have noted are: A new room, new furniture and blackboards, an enrollment of 114, an increased average attendance, and a fifty dollar library, besides maps and other useful things.

The work done in all grades has been most excellent, and the patrons and pupils don't fail to show their appreciation of their teachers.

The rewards in the primary room for the highest number of headmarks in spelling were awarded to Lucile West, Lucile Walters, Lottie Egger and Rosa Brock. Among those that might be mentioned for doing fine work in all their classes were Edwin Darnell, Fred Darnell, Ozzie Lawrence, Ollie Nix and Zula Givens.

We predict a bright future for our school, and it is sure to be a grand success with Prof. Thixton and Mrs. Lena Ussery as the principals. We hope in the near future to have a new, modern brick school building. We hope to have a new school boarding house completed by this fall, and which will be in charge of the professor and his wife.

Messrs. C. E. Mize and T. O. Calne two of the prominent business men of Hamilton, were in town attending the closing exercises of the school.

Mrs. Mattie Henderson and Mrs. W. A. Stone were welcome visitors in town Friday, attending the closing exercises of the Caledonia school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Guyton, of Columbus, were numbered among the welcome visitors in town Friday.

Prof. J. T. Spann, of Mt. Vernon high school, was mingling with old-time friends Friday. Come again, Jim; you always bring sunshine.

Dr. J. W. Thomas had a professional call to Aberdeen last Friday.

We were glad to have one of our old-time friends in our midst last week, Capt. D. D. Stephenson. In next week's paper we will give the program of the fifth Sunday annual singing at Flint Hill.

Don't forget the singing next Sunday afternoon, the 16th, at the Christian church in Caledonia, by Prof. G. A. Pullen's class of sweet singers.

Mr. R. A. Noah, a prominent farmer of Lacky, Miss., is in our community selling one of the most use-

ful and complete implements that we have ever seen. It is something that every farmer needs every day on his farm. He is selling the Union Jack wire stretcher.

Mrs. Lucy Gartan was called to the bedside of her sister-in-law last Sunday, Mrs. Dan Gaston, who is dangerously sick at her home in Columbus. We hope she will soon recover.

Mr. Erby Puckett and wife, of Amory, were the guests of the Hon. S. C. Caldwell last week. Mr. Puckett is a member of the Amory Wholesale Grocery Company.

Mr. Geo. Vaughn and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine fifteen pound boy. The old gentleman is thinking of naming him James Vardaman Vaughn. The mother and child are both doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Elknew of Hamilton have been making glad the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stillman.

Mrs. Annie Ferguson, of Columbus, has returned home after a pleasant visit to the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. M. Lawrence.

Mr. Louis Stephenson sold forty acres of land last week to Mr. James Bruck for \$15 per acre.

Miss Annie Egger, of Columbus, came over Friday and remained until Sunday afternoon with home folks.

Mr. R. A. Egger, of Columbus, was a pleasant caller here Sunday. Robert tells us that he is a candidate, but one vote will not elect him.

Mrs. Mamie and Lizzie Willis, of Hamilton, and Mrs. Mattie Erskine and daughter, Miss Mattie Belle, were welcome visitors in Caledonia on Friday, attending the exercises of the high school. Emmett J.

Rural Hill Dots.

We will try to give a few items of interest occurring this section lately.

The crop prospects are still gloomy, and it looks blue to the farmers who depend on crops for a living, for with favorable weather from now on we cannot see much more than a half or two-thirds of a crop of cotton, and it will have to be worked out again in a short while if that much is made. Labor is scarce, and some farmers are offering seventy-five cents a day for farm hands to chop cotton, and they can't get them at that, for the hands are not here. We do not see how the farmers can pay such high rents for the lands that we poor people have to pay, and buy commercial fertilizer to make our crops with, and then pay seventy-five cents for labor with which to make it, when the crops look like they do now. We believe it would be better for the renter to farm on shares, for he don't get more than about half he makes any way, and if he were making a share crop, he would get out of feeding his stock and furnishing his farming tools, and only have to pay half of the fertilizer bill. This would be a great help to me, I know, for I use a great deal of fertilizer for a poor man in making a little crop of ten cent cotton. Fertilizer put in in the months of March and April for cotton, after all the rain we have had, cannot do much good in making this crop, for the excessive rains have washed it away. This is another reason for a short crop, but as we are not called on for a crop estimate we will quit that subject.

The health of this community is very good just now, so far as we have been able to learn. The all-day singing at Fort Springs church on the first Sunday was a failure on account of the unfavorable weather, though there was a goodly sized crowd of young people present.

We learn that there is to be an all-day singing at Friendship church, near Steens, on the Columbus road, on the third Sunday. It is hoped that it will be a success, for we are lovers of music, both vocal and instrumental. All are invited. If we don't find the waste basket, we will try to do better the next time.

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Melbourne News.

On Sunday, the 2nd instant, it was the good pleasure of the writer, in company with Miss Birdie Barksdale and Messrs. J. R. and Enrich Beasley, to meet with the good people of Fort Springs church, near the residence of Mr. D. G. Holcomb, Jr., at an all-day singing, which was, like everything else that the good people of Western Alabama undertake, a decided success in every sense of the word. The weather was very inclement during the day, and owing to this fact there was only three or four hundred people in attendance; otherwise there would have been one thousand or more. Prof. L. G. Rector, of Melbourne, the famous vocalist of West Alabama; J. R. Beasley, of Sunnyside, and your correspondent, were the principal singers for the occasion, while Miss Nettie McCullough, of Spring Hill, presided at the organ in the forenoon and Miss Nettie Gartman, of Melbourne, in the afternoon, which added greatly to the success of the occasion. Dinner was served on the ground in great abundance. The people ate in groups of two to four families. We were taken in charge by Mr. D. G. Holcomb, Jr., and were greatly pleased to meet with his lovely sister, Miss Dora Holcomb, and to enjoy a fine repast. We are glad to note that the best of order prevailed throughout the day. It was decided to have an annual all-day singing there on the first Sunday in June of each year, and the writer is requested to announce that there will hereafter be an all-day singing at Fort Springs church on the first Sunday in June of each year, and everybody in East Mississippi and West Alabama is invited to attend. The people of Fort Springs church are among the best and cleverest people that it has ever been the good pleasure of the writer to meet, and we hope to have the good pleasure of meeting with them again on the first Sunday in June, 1908, in one of the best all-day song services that was ever held in West Alabama. So mote it be.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brewer and little daughter, Vashit, of Sunnyside, were the guests of the Dams very recently.

Mr. C. A. Cole, of Melbourne, made a business trip to Fernbank one day last week.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Sisson, of Melbourne, greatly sympathize with them in the death of their darling baby, which sad event occurred at their home on the 3rd instant. The little fellow was only about fifteen days old, and was their fourth child to be called to an eternal home. The interment took place at Ebenezer cemetery on the evening of the 3rd instant in the presence of a large circle of sorrowing friends and relatives, who had gathered there to pay the last sad respects to the deceased, to all of whom we wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jephtha Seay, of Melbourne, in company with their three little children, Freelan, Sallie May and Sidney Brown, spent last Saturday and Sunday very pleasantly with the latter's parents, Hon. and Mrs. John Hays, at their home in Star.

Mrs. Nancy Brewer and her son, Mr. M. J. Brewer, and little Miss Mattie Delk, of Sunnyside, visited relatives and friends in Melbourne very recently.

Little Miss Bessie Barksdale, of Melbourne, is on a pleasant visit to friends and relatives at Fernbank this week.

The past week has been very favorable for farm work throughout the Melbourne territory, and the farmers have been putting in good time. All the crops are very late, and are not very promising at this writing. Cotton chopping and planting of late corn will be completed in the next few days if the weather continues favorable.

Next Sunday, the 16th inst., is the day for the big all-day singing at

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No. 26. Accommodation.....	Leave 12:30 a.m.
No. 28. Accommodation.....	Leave 2:15 a.m.
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The Charter of Incorporation of The Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company.

1. The corporate title of said company is The Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company.
2. The names of the incorporators are: Charles F. Sherrod, postoffice Columbus, Mississippi; William Baldwin, postoffice Columbus, Mississippi; Walter Weaver, postoffice Columbus, Mississippi.
3. The domicile is at Columbus, Mississippi.
4. Amount of capital stock: Three Hundred Thousand Dollars.
5. The par value of shares is: One Hundred Dollars.
6. The period of existence is: Fifty years.
7. The purpose for which it is created is: Building, erecting, extending or acquiring by purchase or otherwise of street railways propelled by electricity, steam or otherwise; of gas works, electric light and power plants, and the erection of poles, towers, wires, trolleys, and the laying of pipe lines, conduits and other methods of transmission that may be necessary for the proper and convenient operation of the same, in the city of Columbus, Mississippi.
8. The street railway which it is proposed to build and operate is described as the Street Railway of Columbus, Mississippi, as now located and operated, and such extensions thereof into such other parts of the said city of Columbus and contiguous territory as may be hereafter desired.
9. The rights and powers that may be exercised by this corporation are those conferred by the provisions of chapter 24, Mississippi Code, 1906.

Charles F. Sherrod,
William Baldwin,
Walter Weaver,
Incorporators.

Acknowledgment.

State of Mississippi,
County of Lowndes.
This day personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, Charles F. Sherrod, William Baldwin and Walter Weaver, incorporators of the corporation known as The Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company, who acknowledged that they signed and executed the above and foregoing articles of incorporation as their act and deed, on this the 25th day of May, 1907.

D. D. Richards,
Chancery Clerk.

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